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Since mailing the notice to Mr. Dixon, the court has received no further communication from him about this case, and the deadline for his response to the defendants' motion has passed. Accordingly, I conclude that, pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Mr. Dixon has failed to prosecute this action. *See gen. Ballard v. Carlson*, 882 F.2d 93 (4th Cir. 1989).

The court having duly notified the parties that Mr. Dixon's failure to respond to the defendants' dispositive motion would be interpreted as failure to prosecute and would be cause for dismissal of the action without prejudice, it is hereby **ORDERED** that this action is DISMISSED without prejudice for failure to prosecute, *see* Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b); the defendants' motion (ECF No. 18) is DISMISSED without prejudice; and the clerk will CLOSE the case.

Mr. Dixon is advised that if he intends to proceed with this action, he must petition the court within 30 of the entry of this order for a reinstatement of this action. Any motion for reinstatement should provide specific explanation for Mr. Dixon's failure to respond in a timely fashion to defendants' dispositive motion.

A separate Order will be entered herewith.

DATED: July 11, 2016

/s/ James P. Jones  
United States District Judge